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REF: A. USNATO 2558 DTG 291900Z APR 77. B. STATE 100239 DTG 032332Z MAY 77.

1. ON MAY 4 THE COUNCIL AND DPC DISCUSSED THE DRAFT CONFIDENTIAL

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM. ACTING SYG PANSA SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE DOCUMENT (C-M(77)35) (REF A) HAD BEEN ISSUED TWO HOURS EARLIER, NADREPS SHOULD DISCUSS THE REPORT ON MAY 4 WITH A VIEW TOWARD APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE ON MAY 6. HARDY (CANADA) POINTED OUT THAT SINCE DEFENSE MINISTERS HAD AGREED ON MARCH 25 TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE

STEPS TO ESTABLISH AN AGREED COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BY JULY 1, THE DOCUMENT SHOULD CONTINUE TO REFLECT THAT SCHEDULE. HE SAID HIS MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAD ALREADY GONE TO PARLIAMENT WITH THAT DATE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR MODIFYING DECISIONS TAKEN BY MINISTERS, THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT ASYG DEFENSE SUPPORT LABERGE SHOULD REDRAFT PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE REPORT TO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF THE FACTORS WHICH HAVE NECESSITATED ABANDONMENT OF JULY 1 AS A TARGET DATE.

- 2. AT THE DPC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NAC, HARDY SAID THAT BECAUSE OF TIMING, AND BECAUSE HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET SEEN THE REPORT, HE WAS NOT READY TO APPROVE THE REPORT AND HE PROBABLY COULD NOT DO SO BY MAY 6. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SYG REISSUE THE REPORT AS HIS PERSONAL MEMO (OR PO) TO DEFENSE MINISTERS AND THAT HE INCLUDE INFORMATION ON A PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE. THE DPC AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE AND THAT THE NADREPS SHOULD MEET LATER ON MAY 4 TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT. WE PROPOSED THE CHANGES SUGGESTED IN REF B AT THAT MEETING, AND A REPORT ON THE NADREPS' DISCUSSION FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
- 3. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, KILLICK (UK) SAID HE WOULD CIRCULATE, ON MAY 4, A UK REPORT ON NIMROD CHARACTERISTICS. WE WILL FORWARD THE DOCUMENT TO WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT. BENNETT

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